

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A pulp product comprising:

singulated and jet dried fibers, said fibers being treated with a treatment substance selected from the group consisting of surfactants and mineral particulates during jet drying and not being cross-linked, said product having a knot count equal to or less than 5%, an accepts count equal to or greater than 80%, and a fines count equal to or less than 15%.

2. (Original) The product of Claim 1, wherein the knot count is equal to or less than 2%.

3. (Original) The product of Claim 1, wherein the accepts count is equal to or greater than 85%.

4. (Original) The product of Claim 1, wherein the fines count equal to or less than 14%.

5. (Original) The product of Claim 1, further treated with a hydrophobic material during jet drying.

6. (Original) A pulp product comprising:

singulated and jet dried fibers, said fibers being treated with a treatment substance selected from the group consisting of surfactants and mineral particulates during jet drying and not being cross-linked, said product having a knot count equal to or less than 2%, an accepts count equal to or greater than 77%, and a fines count equal to or less than 21%.

7. (Original) The product of Claim 6, wherein the knot count is equal to or less than 1.6%.

8. (Original) The product of Claim 6, wherein the treatment substance is clay.

9. (Original) The product of Claim 6, wherein the treatment substance is fly ash.

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10. (Original) The product of Claim 6, further treated with a hydrophobic material during jet drying.
11. (Original) The product of Claim 1 or Claim 6 admixed with concrete products.
12. (Original) The product of Claim 1 or Claim 6 incorporated into an absorbent article.
13. (Original) The product of Claim 1 or Claim 6 incorporated into a plastic product.
14. (Original) The product of Claim 1 or Claim 6 incorporated into a paper product.
15. (Original) The product of Claim 1 or Claim 6 incorporated into a filter product.
16. (New) A process for producing singulated pulp fibers comprising:
introducing a wet pulp and air into a jet drier that circulates the pulp in a closed loop;
drying said pulp in said jet drier to form singulated pulp fibers;
removing said pulp from said jet drier and separating said pulp fibers from said air; and
treating said wet pulp with a treatment substance before drying said wet pulp to reduce the knot content of said pulp fibers, said treatment substance being selected from the group consisting of surfactant and mineral particulate, said treatment substance being mixed with said wet pulp before introducing said wet pulp into said drier.

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